

ECMGC Newsletter

Eagle Crest Men's Golf Club / Spring 2024



President's Message



Greetings,

We are beginning another year of golf at Eagle Crest. The Board and committee members have been working during the winter to prepare for another busy year for our Club. The BOD has reviewed several key items for the year and approved the implementation of no "gimmie" putts. I know some of you think this is a little crazy but, we stated last year that we could give 12-inch putts, that became 18 inches and, in some cases, 3 feet. So, give an inch, take a mile, no more. This rule will help all of us in our tournaments. All of us should help to police this. This is in effect for Wednesday days play, what people do for their games on other days is up to you.

Our Golf Committee has completed the golf schedule for our year. The Golf Committee has scheduled our Wednesday games for competitive, fun games consisting of individual, 2-man teams and 4-man team events. The "fun" games or "goofy" as some of you would like to call them have been moved to the shoulder season. We tried hard to add another Home and Home this year but, as of this writing, no luck. I expect our Resort Cup team to bring home another trophy under the guidance of our captain, Greg Middlebrook. He might add a special diet to his successful rigorous training program. The Ladies mixer is coming up in May which is a lot of fun playing with our Women's Club members. Remember, if you sign up, you are agreeing

to a personal hygiene program and gentleman conduct on the course.

We have scheduled our Tournaments this year and assigned the Tournament Directors. I fully expect the Tournaments to be better than last year and that will be hard to beat. Our club is excelling in our Tournaments with several players from other clubs asking how they can play; the answer is to join our club. The Match Play tournament will have some nice enhancements for us this year. The EC Cup will continue to be a super fun, trash talking competitive event. The Club Championship has a new Director this year with Ron Shoquist leading the charge. The Fall Classic will have a few new twists this year and expect larger payouts.

I know I talk about this all the time but, please try and join us for as many of these events that your schedule will allow. I assure you; you will not be disappointed. Our club membership is solid with several new members. We typically get 40 to 50 members for our Wednesday play and of course I would like to see that number go higher. We are not limited to the number of players so come out and join us for a day of fun, competitive golf with old and new friends.

Our club is very generous, we have several charity events scheduled at Eagle Crest during the summer to include our own event, Gobble Gobble Give Back in November. Come out and support some very good charity organizations. con't

Reed Sloss, our Membership Chair has done an outstanding job with our website

and portal. Please take some time and look at the website, ALL our club information is there for everyone's review.

We will continue to work hard to make our club one of the best in central Oregon. If anyone has any ideas that could help our club, please submit those ideas to Curt Davis of the Advisory Committee so we can evaluate the possibility of implementation.

We have been meeting with the Eagle Crest Golf Staff to address Men's Club concerns and update the EC Golf status. The committee consists of Dave Miller, Mike Bessonette, Eric Erickson, Ron Burger, Kevin Story and me. We usually meet every 2 – 3 months. The agenda is established based upon known input from our Men's Club.

Stay well, hit them long and straight.

Roger Edgerly. President ECMGC

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Golf Staff Meeting Notes

Update on Course Maintenance

- a. Golf cart brake maintenance / Completed review of entire fleet.
- b. Resort irrigation replacement / Replacing parts as necessary; upgrade too expensive.
- c. Cart path paving / Seal coat / Ridge #12 green to #14 tee / Challenge 8 green to 9 green.
- d. Installation of new power pole / ETC mid June impacting holes #5, #9, #18 / Likely 3 temporary greens.
- e. Resort pro shop plan to increase restrooms and outside eating area / Proposal being nreviewednfor next year.
- f. Review of simulator at Resort / Feasibility study for permanent locale.
- g. Tree removal update/plan. Most trees removed due to power line expansion.
- h. No beer or food at Resort course. / Will serve beverages and food moving forward.

Update on Aubrey Glen & MeadowLakes Home and Home & Misc

- a. Negative answer from Aubrey.
- b. Meadow Lakes on for Sept 11 at ML.
- c. Rating Resort Course plan for 2025 / No change.
- d. Troon Advantage use requires conversation with Ron Bueger.
- e. New equipment are on the list.
- f. Continue verifying handicaps re: events.
- g. Clint is the ECGMC rep at the pro shop.
- h. Challenge and Ridge restrooms scheduled for exterior painting.
- i. Upgrade 2 tee boxes a year starting with Resort #10 and Challenge #11.



Eagle Crest Cup

is scheduled for May 22, 23 and 29. Clint O'Neil and Kevin Story will serve as captains. Vice captains will be Dave McKinney and Dan Kellogg vs. Mike Corwin and Ron Cox. There is a 4-player limit for this event so sign up early. Invitations will go out the first of May.

Home and Home Events

This year there will be 4 home and home events. In April Eagle Crest hosted Crooked River Ranch and Juniper. We were successful in winning both matches. In September, we will start a new home and home series with an away match at Meadow Lakes. The last event will be at Juniper in October. Steve Laurin, Jerry Hoth and Reed Sloss will organize and score the events.

Special Events

May 14 Ladies Mixer-Ridge Course
June 10-West Ridge Charity Golf
Tournament @ CCR
July 31, Aug. 1-E.C. Stroke Play
Championship-lead-Kevin Story
Nov. 13-Gobble Gobble Give Back Charity
Event-Lead Mike Bessonette

Resort Cup

The Resort Cup competition between Eagle Crest, Black Butte, Widgi Creek and Sunriver with kick off on June 10th at Eagle Crest. Greg Middlebrook is gearing up to defend the first place finish Eagle Crest Men's Club won last year for the first time.

Match Play Tournament

The Match Play Tournament, chaired by Rob Mahoney, will be held in June and July. The format is double elimination format with an 8-man flight. The tournament kickoff with back-to-back days on play June 19 and 20. An overall net champion will be crowned at the end of the tournament with a playoff between the net flight winners.

Men's Club Championships

This tournament is open to all men's club members who have played in at least 5 regular events. The dates are August 21, 22 and 28. This is an individual competition event which will crown a club gross and net score champion and flight champions. Look for details later this summer. Ron Shoquist and committee are organizing this event.

Fall Classic

The Fall Classic is a three-day fun event open men's club members and guests. The event is a 2-man competition which includes a scramble, a shamble and 2-net best ball tournament. The dates for this event are September 20, October 1 and 2. Roger Edgerly and committee are planning this event with details out in August.

Schedule at a Glance

Home and Home Events

Leads Steve Laurin, Jerry Hoth
September 11 @ Meadow Lakes
Golf Club
October 10th @ Juniper Golf Club

Resort Cup

Lead Greg Middlebrook
June 10 Black Butte Glaze Meadow
July 8 Eagle Crest Ridge Course
August 12 Widgi Creek
September 9 Sun River Woodlands

Tournaments

Eagle Crest Cup May 22, 23, 29
Lead Mike Bessonette
Match Play Championship June 19, 20
forward-Lead Rob Mahoney
Men's Club Championship August 21, 22, 28-
Lead-Ron Shoquist
Fall Classic-Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 2-
Lead Roger Edgerly

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Golf Committee News via
Mike Bessonette

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Almost four months into our 2024 season, our membership currently stands at 82 and growing. Last year's count peaked at 96 golfers. Starting last year ECMGC, with support from EC Golf, put together a tournament schedule allowing EC Silver Pass holders to participate in men's day rounds the first Wednesday of each month, March through

November. Tee times on those days begin at 11:00 am. Normally, silver pass golfers are restricted to Sunday through Friday tee times starting after 12 noon. However, they are allowed to play with the men's club on these special Wednesdays as well as any Wednesday during the winter when all courses go to shotgun starts.

Only club members are allowed to play in three of the club's four major tournaments – Eagle Crest Cup, Match Play and Club Championship. Entry Fee provisions are set up for the Fall Classic allowing silver pass golfer participation. Like last year, our double-elimination Match Play tournament will be set up allowing ECMGC members holding a Silver EC annual pass to participate – the first two back-to-back rounds (June 19 and 20) have tee times starting at 11:00 am.

ECMGC Membership reminders:

- The club's website (ecmensgolfclub.com), updated almost daily, is tailored for prospective, new, and existing members alike. A presentation covering access to, and navigation of the website was emailed to every club member last year. For a copy of this presentation, contact me. All events for 2024 are published on the club's website under "schedule."
- Any hole-in-one made by an insured member during a Men's Day event will pay for

one beer, wine or pop for every Men's Day player who is also paid members of the fund. The hole in one insurance is a onetime fee of \$15.00 that continues year after year if we still have funds left.

ECMGC membership registration forms are available on the tackboard outside the Ridge proshop adjacent to the Greenside Café. To sign up for membership, complete the form and drop it off at the proshop counter with a \$50 check made out to ECMGC.

Our goal is to create an enjoyable golf atmosphere for all abilities and enhance the camaraderie among golfers during our regular Wednesday play and our different tournament formats. If you know anyone who would be interested in joining our club, please let us know.

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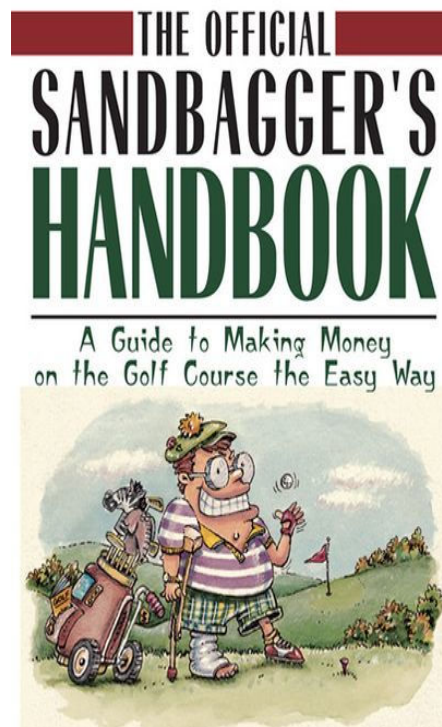
Key Suggestions for Sandbaggers

1. **Lodge a formal complaint:** One of the initial suggestions is to file a formal complaint with the club and encourage others to do the same. The club needs to be aware of the issue and take appropriate action.
2. **Change the format:** Some users recommended that only rounds played at the club should be used for determining handicaps, effectively eliminating the sandbagger's excuse of playing poorly at other courses.
3. **Tournament scores (T scores):** Clubs should use T scores for their events to

freeze a player's handicap more accurately based on their tournament performance.

4. **Handicap committee intervention:** The club's handicap committee should take a more active role in addressing this issue by examining the sandbagger's scoring history and adjusting their handicap accordingly.
5. **Gather evidence and support:** The Reddit user should gather evidence of the sandbagger's suspicious play and rally support from fellow club members to address the issue collectively.
6. **Adopt club-specific rules** – Some clubs have implemented rules that disqualify players who consistently perform better than their handicaps, making it harder for sandbaggers to take advantage of the system.

From rock bottom golf apr 2024



TREASURER'S REPORT

Now that we're almost four months into the year, our budget for 2024 is firming up. With membership dues on a projected 100 members, our annual stipend from Eagle Crest and some income from a few raffles, we're looking at income for the year of around \$9,000. Some smaller expenditures will include some custom ball markers for our victorious 2023 Resort Cup team, a travel stipend for our Club Champion, supplies, and snacks along the way. The primary expenditures will be in support of our major events for the year covering both food and prizes. We will subsidize the Eagle Crest Cup with \$1,500, for the Match Play \$300, for the Club Championship \$1,200, for the Fall Classic \$1,600 and for the end of the year Awards Luncheon \$3,000. Since the club does this, the majority of your entry fees for the various events come straight back in winnings. With total expenditures of \$10,000, we will draw down our cash reserves by \$1,000 (ending the year around \$3,400). This reserve occurred during the Covid years, when we had to pull way back on events and built up this reserve. We have been drawing it down by about \$1,000 a year. Please let me know if you have any questions on the budget.

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ECMGC 2024 Schedule: Updated March 29

Date	Time	# Grps	Course	Comments	Game (Subject to Change)	*
Jan 3	11:00 SG	8	Ridge	T=Tournament	Ind. Low Net Stableford	NP
Jan 10	11:00 SG	8	Ridge		2-man NBB	NP
Jan 17	10:30 TT	8	Challenge		Ind. Low Net 2 Mulligans	NP
Jan 24	11:00 SG	8	Ridge		4-man Net BB 1.2.1.2....	NP
Jan 31	11:00 SG	8	Ridge		Ind. Low net best 8 of 9	NP
Feb 7	10:30 TT	8	Challenge		2-man NBB Shamble	NP
Feb 14	11:00 SG	8	Ridge		4-man 2 net BB plus 2 best putts	NP
Feb 21	12:00 SG	8	Ridge		Ind. Low Net Quantum scoring	NP
Feb 28	11:00 TT	10	Ridge		4-man Scramble	R
Mar 6	11:00 SG	10	Ridge	Posting season begins March 1	Ind. Low Net Stableford	R
Mar 13	10:00 TT	10	Resort		4-man 2 net BB plus red dot	R
Mar 20	10:00 TT	10	Challenge		2-man 6-6-6	NP
Mar 27	11:00 SG	10	Resort		Ind. Low net and Putts	R
Apr 3	11:00 TT	10	Resort		4-man 1 ball par 3s, 2 balls par 4s, 3 balls par 5s	R
Apr 10	10:00 SG	9	Ridge	H&H CRR	2 Man Net BB	t
Apr 17	10:00 SG	15	Ridge	H&H W/Juniper (36 Players)	2 Man Net BB	t
Apr 24	10:00 TT	15	Ridge		Ind. Low Net Stableford	R
May 1	10:00 SG	15	Resort	H & H W/ West Ridge Men's Golf	2 Man Net BB	T
May 8	11:00 TT	10	Resort		4-man 1.2.3.1.2.3 ect.	R
May 14	9:00 SG	20	Ridge	Ladies Mens Mixer (Ladies Host)	4-Person Scramble	NP
May 22	9:00 SG	10	Challenge	The Eagle Crest Cup	2 Ball Matches	NP
May 23	9:00 SG	15	Resort	The Eagle Crest Cup	4 Ball Matches	R
May 29	9:00 SG	15	Ridge	The Eagle Crest Cup	Single Matches	R
Jun 5	11:00 TT	15	Ridge		4-man 1 gross AB players, 1 Net CD players	R
Jun 10	TBA	11	Glaze M	Resort Cup (Black Butte)	Individual Low Net - Stableford, Flighted	T
June 10	8:30 SG		CRR	W. Ridge Charity Golf Tournament	2 Man Net BB	R
Jun 12				No Mens Day		
Jun 19	11:00 TT	12'	Resort	Match Play	Individual Matches Flighted	R
Jun 20	11:00 TT	10	Ridge	Match Play	Individual Matches Flighted	R
Jun 26	11:00 TT	10	Ridge		2-man NBB	R
Jul 3	8:30 TT	10	Challenge		4-man 2netBB Red, white, Blue tees	NP
Jul 8	TBA	11	Ridge	Resort Cup (Eagle Crest)	Individual Low Net - Stableford, Flighted	T
Jul 10	8:30 TT	10	Resort		Ind. Odd and Evens	R
Jul 17	8:30 TT	10	Ridge	Choose your own partner	2-man NBB	R
Jul 24	8:30 TT	10	Challenge		4-man Florida Scramble	NP
Jul 31	TT-TBD	15	Resort	Stroke Play Championship	Gross/Net Individual	T
Aug 1	TT-TBD	15	Ridge	Stroke Play Championship	Gross/Net Individual	T
Aug 7	11:00 TT	10	Resort		2-man low net Front and Back	R
Aug 12	11:00 SG	11	Widoi	Resort Cup (Widoi Creek)	Individual Low Net - Stableford, Flighted	T
Aug 14	8:30 TT	10	Ridge		Ind. Low Net Stableford	R
Aug 21	8:30 B9 SH	20	Resort	Club Championship RD 1	Medal Play--Flighted	T
Aug 22	8:30 B9 SH	20	Challenge	Club Championship RD 2	Medal Play--Flighted	R
Aug 28	8:30 B9 SH	20	Ridge	Club Championship RD 3	Medal Play--Flighted	T
Sep 4	11:00 TT	10	Resort		4-Man Net BB 1.2...1.2,	R
Sep 9	9:30 SG	11	Woodlands	Resort Cup (Sunriver)	Individual Low Net - Stableford	T
Sep 11	TBD	15	Meadow	Home & Home @ Meadow	2-man NBB	T
Sep 18	9:00 TT	10	Challenge	Choose your own partner	Partners Chapman	NP
Sep 25				No Mens Day		
Sep 30	9:30 SG	25	Resort	Fall Classic + Horserace (Mon)	Partners Scramble	NP
Oct 1	9:30 SG	25	Challenge	Fall Classic (Tuesday)	Partners Chapman	NP
Oct 2	9:30 SG	25	Ridge	Fall Classic + Lunch (Wednesday)	Partners Net BB	R
Oct 10	TBD	15	Juniper	Home & Home @ Juniper (36)	2-man NBB	T
Oct 16	10:00 TT	16	Ridge		4-man Scramble	R
Oct 23	10:00 TT	16	Challenge		Individual 3 clubs + putter	NP
Oct 30	10:00 TT	16	Resort		Halloween Special	NP
Nov 6	11:00 SG	10	Ridge		Ind. Low Net Stableford	R
Nov 13	10:00 SG	12	Challenge	Gobble Gobble Give Back	4-person red tee scramble	NP
Nov 20	12:00 SG	8	Resort	Choose your own partner	2-man 1 net 2 net repeat	R
Nov 27	11:00 SG	8	Ridge	Score posting ends Nov. 30	4-man 2 net BB plus red dot	R
Dec 4	12:00 SG	8	Resort		Ind. Low Net 2 Mulligans	NP
Dec 11	11:00 SG	8	Ridge		Christmas Special	NP